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**Midterm Address**  
**January 4, 1993**  
**Delivered by: Mayor Michael E. Capuano**

Thank you, I hope everyone had a happy and safe Holiday Season. Before I begin my fourth "State of the City" address, I would like to take a moment to thank you, the residents of Somerville, for giving me this opportunity to serve you. Your trust and confidence in me personally and in this Administration have sustained me during these difficult years. I only hope that my efforts on your behalf have been sufficient in your eyes.

My preceding addresses have centered around one major topic, municipal finances. Since I took office three years ago, this one issue has consumed all of our time. It has caused virtually all of the pain in this community and it has limited our agenda on every other issue.

This year I am here to tell you that our efforts are finally being rewarded. The cuts we have endured and the pain those cuts have caused were not in vain. In the past year I can report that we were able to maintain the level of most municipal services, not much had to be cut from the prior year. Certainly there were some painful adjustments, but they weren't nearly as drastic as those suffered in the two prior years.

The least acknowledged success of this past year has been the ability to continue providing all of our basic services in a professional and reliable manner. Fire protection services are still the best in greater Boston. Basic education in Somerville still compares favorably to any other City in Massachusetts. DPW services are still performing above all reasonable expectations. Services and programs are still being delivered for our veterans and our senior citizens - we even received another national award this year for our innovative programming for seniors. Our Police Department is still providing as much protection as any in the Commonwealth.

Of course, we would love to do more. But services cost money and in that area our hands are tied. Given the limitations caused by the fiscal realities of the early 1990's, the continuation of basic services is no small accomplishment. Many urban communities would love to claim similar successes.



Unlike prior years, this year I am here to tell you that the fiscal situation seems to have stabilized. For the first time in four years, the City's finances seem to be reasonably predictable. We can look forward to a year without more cuts in the level of our services.

Of course, there are caveats. Cities have so little control over local finances that no Mayor in Massachusetts can make rock-solid promises on these matters. My optimism, however, is based on the assumptions that local aid will remain stable, that the cost of health care will not explode again this year and that no other unforeseen catastrophe will hit the City (such as a renewed decline in the state's economy or a large court-ordered payment on an unexpected lawsuit).

Because I expect these uncontrollable matters to develop favorably, I do expect a relatively stable fiscal picture for the coming year. In light of these comments I can start on the core of my talk tonight by announcing that this year's "State of the City" speech will be my first that focuses on the non-financial aspects of our community.

I would like to begin this speech where I left off last year. I am sure you know by now that I do not make promises. I refuse to insult your intelligence or risk abusing your trust. I have promised only three things since I took office: an honest Administration, an open Administration and our best efforts to address the needs of all the citizens of Somerville. I hope you feel that I have delivered on those promises. I know we have tried.

Although I do not make promises, I am well known for stating my opinion. Some even claim that I state it a bit too strongly on occasion. I am also well known for setting a realistic agenda and for committing myself to a specified course of action. Last year I made one such commitment.

I said "I for one, and I firmly believe that most true sons and daughters of Somerville, will not tolerate bigotry against anyone who is simply trying to improve their lives in a peaceful way. In particular, we will not tolerate any form of violence. . . anyone, white or black, who engages in a violent act of any kind, will be treated in the most severe manner we can arrange."



Tonight, I report to you what you already know - our efforts thus far have been successful. Our innovative system of identifying and prosecuting local thugs, the so-called fast-tracking program, is being touted across the Commonwealth as a model for other cities and towns. It is proof that cooperation among all facets of a community can make a difference.

Our "Count on Me" campaign raised the consciousness of the entire community and has helped guide us on our path toward tolerance. The expansion of the Neighborhood Crime Watch program helped bring people together and provided the community support that our Police force needs in order to operate effectively. The creation of a Human Rights commission in 1993 will be the beginning of the next phase in our effort to insure a tolerant and peaceful community.

This declaration of success does not come from me alone. It comes from all corners of the City. It comes from the Police Department, who worked with the community, not separate from it. It comes from the School Department, who shared their knowledge of the kids involved, who stood tall in funding the mediation program and who expelled students bringing weapons to school. It comes from the District Attorney's Office and the District Court, who fulfilled every commitment made to the citizens of Somerville. It comes from the local newspapers who covered our problems fairly and without hysteria. And it comes from you, the people of Somerville. None of these accomplishments could have been possible without the support of the entire community.

It's the community, not the government, who must fulfill any commitment to tolerance and non-violence. Government can only set the tone. You fulfilled the commitment and you deserve the recognition. Thanks to all those who truly care about the actions behind the words.

Certainly we all know that our job is not over. We have more to do in our fight against intolerance and violence. Therefore, tonight, as a community, we renew our commitment to the peaceful co-existence of all people of goodwill, and we pledge our continued effort in this ongoing struggle for respect between all citizens of Somerville.

You know, as I write these speeches, there is a constant desire to simply list all of our accomplishments during the past year. I have to fight this

urge out of fear of sounding too arrogant - and we all know that I could never be accused of arrogance. Oh what the heck, maybe just a few.

In the past year the City of Somerville has had many victories of which we are rightfully proud. Our handicapped and infirm citizens can now enter their City Hall with the respect they deserve - through the front door with the aid of our new ramp. We won the largest settlement in the state from Aetna Insurance Company for our pension fund (over \$2.6 million) and that fund is now in healthy condition. We received the City's first payment into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (\$50,00 from Home Depot, with another \$250,000 due over the next several years).

We have begun the process of insuring that most municipal workers live in Somerville. Though some don't like our commitment to the residency requirements, those who oppose our efforts will find it hard to argue with the people of 39 Berkley Street. Simply put, those people were fortunate enough to live across the street from a Somerville firefighter. He was there to utilize his training and skills to save them from a deadly inferno. Because he lived in Somerville, those four residents are alive today. I believe that every Somerville resident deserves the same type of coverage from their employees. That can only happen if those employees live here.

We pioneered the Youthworks program where young people earned a living and prepared for a career. A neighborhood was improved by fixing up a run-down house and back taxes will be repaid when the newly improved home is sold to a moderate income Somerville family.

We piloted a Home Buyer Training program for the State - where over 300 low and moderate income families have learned how to purchase a home. Of those, more than 75 have already bought homes in Somerville. This program costs the City nothing, it qualifies people for mortgages which they could not otherwise obtain and it stabilizes our neighborhoods with owner-occupied homes.

We planted over 700 trees this year and thousands of flower bulbs. We completed the reconstruction of 11 City streets. We opened the City's first teen center, new soccer fields and a new first class tot-lot that gets as much use as any park in the City. We completed the removal of more than 30 billboards across the City. We instituted a new rape information policy that is

being copied throughout the Commonwealth because it balances the public's need for information with the victim's need for privacy.

We have made further progress in our quest to position Somerville to take advantage of the next economic boom. The renovation of the bridge into Boynton Yards is almost complete and most of the land needed to insure success has been acquired.

I am certain you have all seen the newly resurfaced Middlesex Avenue leading into Assembly Square, and you may be interested to learn that the mall is about to undergo a \$3 million renovation. At least two other major projects in that area are moving forward rapidly.

And, to top it all off, we celebrated the City's 150th birthday in memorable fashion. We enjoyed everything from spaghetti suppers to concerts to the largest parade in the City's history - including 4,000 marchers and 25,000 spectators. It was certainly a fine celebration.

Those are some of the accomplishments of this Administration during the last year but they are not the most important accomplishments in the City. In my opinion the most important ones came from you, the people of Somerville.

As I said last year, "we have been through some hard times and we are currently surviving because of the hard work and dedication of this Administration and the personal commitment of the people of Somerville to their community." That comment is even more true this year.

In the last year I have seen the people of Somerville put more back into this community than ever before. Neighborhood groups have sprung up to do the work that the City can no longer do for them. And they have gone further than the City ever could.

From lower Broadway to the Conwell Schoolyard, from Lincoln Park to Foss Park, the Healy School yard, Dickerman Park, Prospect Hill, the Kennedy School, the East Somerville Community School, Hoyt-Sullivan and many more - the people of this City have volunteered their time and effort to improve our community.



Other volunteer efforts have also been growing. There are hundreds of volunteers committed to encouraging recycling in Somerville. Every non-profit agency in the City relies on volunteers to help the less fortunate among us, from the children at Head Start to the seniors at Little Sisters of the Poor.

The initial reason for the involvement of many volunteers is frustration with a system that cannot provide every service. But for most people, their frustration quickly grows into a sense of pride and accomplishment. Neighbors get acquainted, adults and children feel vested in their neighborhood and in each other, vandalism and crime decrease. In short, through these volunteer efforts, people gain a connection to their community which has been missing from American urban life for too long.

This Administration has tried to be supportive by providing supplies, equipment and guidance. We created the Parks Trust Fund to support their efforts. To date, over \$6,000 has been awarded from this fund to various neighborhood groups to help pay for the local improvement they requested.

But the volunteers have planned the efforts and provided the most valuable asset available - people. This year a small portion of the Community Development Block Grant was used to fund a Volunteer Coordinator for Somerville. One of the prime functions of this position will be to match the volunteer needs of the various agencies throughout the City with people willing to help.

The goal is to have one place where a resident can contact to say: "I am interested in volunteering one hour a day, three days a week, for needy children. Can you give me some suggestions?" The Coordinator's Office will be able to quickly point that person in the right direction and give that potential volunteer several options. This same service can be provided to agencies seeking volunteers for a one day cleanup project or a long term assignment.

Already, the Volunteer Coordinator has a list of 80 Somerville High School students who want to give some time to the community. We are currently trying to match their interests with the needs of the various agencies. This is in addition to the several hundred names of adults who are already volunteering throughout the City.

The Coordinator's Office will also try to recognize those people who do volunteer their time and talent. For example, the City currently has over twenty people who help out by cleaning up a park or a neighborhood square. Soon, there will be signs put up across the City expressing our gratitude for their contribution and proudly listing the names of the volunteers themselves for all to see.

The City of Somerville deeply appreciates the efforts of all neighborhood volunteer groups and I want to promote the expansion of such groups into every single neighborhood. Therefore, in the next few weeks, I will be creating 21 separate Neighborhood Improvement Councils. Each of these councils will consist of five independent members empowered to spend at least \$5,000 for any improvements their neighborhood wants. Every neighborhood in the City will have its own Council. No government entity will tell them how they may spend their money. As soon as funding becomes available, I hope to increase the City's fiscal commitment to these Councils.

Each Neighborhood Improvement Council will be empowered to spend their money on any project that the City could legally fund. They can rehabilitate a playground, keep a branch library open a few extra hours, plant trees, pay the overtime for a Health Inspector to concentrate on their neighborhood, buy flower boxes, or hire a police detail for the area. I will also create a separate Trust Fund so that these Neighborhood Improvement Councils can raise additional monies from private sources for their own use. In short, I intend to repay the people of Somerville for their efforts by trusting them as they have trusted me. They will have direct say on how some of their tax dollars get spent in their own neighborhood.

I expect that the creation of these Neighborhood Improvement Councils will be the most significant event of the coming year. However, there will be many more things going on in the City as well. We expect to be able to expand the curbside recycling program in the near future. This program has been extremely cost effective. People have participated as hoped and we can soon justify the expansion fiscally.

By this time next year, the playground at Hodgkins Park will be completely renovated. The area will be twice the size of the existing one and the neighborhood will have a first class Tot-Lot, similar to the one right here at Central Park. I have already met with the people of East Somerville for the

possible renovation of the play area at the East Somerville Community School. The City has pledged \$300,000 of our Block Grant for this project and we hope to have it underway this year.

Finally, the State has funded the reconstruction of Highland Avenue. After several long years, our main City thoroughfare is scheduled to be completely redone. In anticipation of the unavoidable disruptions such a significant project will cause, I have already named a Project Manager who will coordinate all communications on the project and handle all citizen complaints during the construction period.

Before I conclude my remarks tonight, I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to make a few comments about some special people. First, I would like to congratulate Dorothy Gay on her election as our Governor's Councilor. Dot has proven that she will represent our interests with tenacity and integrity. Good luck Dot.

I would also like to congratulate a few other Somervillians on their promotions this year: Laurinda Beddingfield on her appointment as State Highway Commissioner, Ann Elderkin on her selection to head a national organization of Physician Assistants, and Bob Murphy on his election as head of the 68,000 member Massachusetts Teachers Association. These people have made us proud and we wish them well in their endeavors.

I would also like to thank a few people. First, I would like to thank the Somerville School Committee for putting up with me for another year. Some people mistake my candid approach to the School Committee as disdain. This is simply not true. I have the highest regard for these seven individuals. They are trying to provide the best education possible for our kids with limited resources. Occasionally, our mutual commitment to the children of Somerville has put us at odds. . . but only when the School Committee is wrong. I commend them for another successful year and I look forward to working with them in our search for a new Superintendent of Schools.

I would also like to thank the Somerville Board of Aldermen for another year of cooperation and mutual respect. This group of people has understood every problem the City has faced in the last three years. They are a pleasure to serve with and a credit to this City. Next I would like to thank each and every member of this Administration. These people know how much

I trust them and their judgment. Many people would be surprised to know how much responsibility I delegate to this group. You earn my trust and respect every day. You have served this City well. I am proud of your accomplishments and I am proud to have the privilege of serving with you.

I would also like to repeat my thanks to the citizens of Somerville for giving me this opportunity to serve them. They have bestowed upon me the highest honor of my life and I have tried to repay them through hard work and dedication. However, I am not done with my task and, therefore, I do intend to seek another term as your Mayor. I look forward to making this speech again next year.

Finally, I wish to thank my family - Barbara, Michael and Joseph. I love them dearly and there are many days I wish I had more time to spend with them. But they understand my commitment to the people of Somerville. I could not do this job without them and I thank them for their love and support.

In conclusion, I am here tonight to report that the state of the City of Somerville, as we enter a new year, is relatively good. I believe that some credit is due to the efforts of this Administration. But I also believe that most of the credit belongs to you, the people of Somerville. Thank you for your support and your attention. Good night.





**BOARD OF HEALTH**  
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HEALTH DEPARTMENT  
ANNUAL REPORT

1992

February 22, 1993

The Honorable Mayor  
and the Board of Aldermen  
City of Somerville, MA 02143

The following factual information is submitted as the Annual  
Report of the Health Department of the City of Somerville.

Board Members:

David Osler, MD, Chairman  
Maureen Monagle, RN  
Robert McWatters  
Director Ann L. Elderkin, PA

AIDS COMMISSION

Somerville AIDS Commission monitors AIDS statistics from  
the Massachusetts Department of Public Health:

AIDS Cases Diagnosed in Somerville Through - 12/31/92

Male.....	88
Female .....	19

TRANSMISSION CATEGORIES:

Homosexual/bisexual male.....	59
Injection drug user.....	19
Homo/Bi IV drug user.....	1
Heterosexual contact.....	20
Transfusions.....	3
Undetermined.....	4
Mother with AIDS (<13 years).....	1

<u>RACE</u>	White.....	77	<u>AGE:</u>	Under 5....	1
	Black.....	25		20 - 29....	23
	Hispanic.....	4		30 - 39....	53
	Asian.....	1		40 - 49....	23
				50 + .....	7

<u>STATUS:</u>	Alive.....	39
	Deceased.....	68
	Unknown.....	0

## PUBLIC HEALTH - 1992

### TUBERCULIN PROGRAM:

Tuberculin testing weekly clinic.....	187
Tuberculin testing at Social Security.....	50
Tuberculin testing at ISS .....	20

### IMMUNIZATIONS:

M.M.R.....(Measles/Mumps/Rubella).....	86
T.D.....(Tetanus/Diphtheria).....	15
D.P.T.....(Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis).....	2
HIB.....(Haemophilus).....	3
TOTAL PRE-SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS..	106

Elderly Flu Shots .....2,502

Pre-school lead poisoning screening..... 0

Animal bites reported..... 56

### CONTAGIOUS DISEASES INVESTIGATED AND REPORTED:

Campylobacter.....	41
Chickenpox.....	9
Meningitis.....	0
Hepatitis.....	25
Salmonella.....	14
Malaria.....	1
Giardiasis.....	19
Tuberculosis.....	20
Yersinia.....	1
Shigella.....	5
Rubella.....	0
Measles.....	0
Kawasaki.....	1
Typhoid Fever.....	3

### BURIAL PERMITS ISSUED BY AGES:

15 years - 24 years.....	7
25 years - 44 years.....	22
45 years - 64 years.....	61
65 years - 74 years.....	63
75 years - 84 years.....	114
85 years >.....	61
TOTAL BURIAL PERMITS.....	328

## SCHOOL HEALTH - 1992

Physical examinations - Grades K - 4 - 9.....	1,909
Vision Tests.....Pre-school grades K-9.	5,870
Hearing Tests.....Pre-school grades K-9.	5,878
Scoliosis screening.....Grades 5 - 9.....	1,657

## DENTAL HEALTH - 1992

### Dental screening - Grade 2:

Students examined.....	576
Treatment needed.....	436
Referrals.....	179

SANITARY CODE ENFORCEMENT - 1992

LICENSES & PERMITS ISSUES:

Food service.....	180	@ 100/150/200...	\$23,850.
Seasonal Food Service.....	18	@ 50.00.....	\$950.
Retail Food .....	181	@ 100/150/200...	\$23,150.
Mobile Food.....	11	@ 100.00.....	\$1,100.
Catering.....	16	@ 100.00.....	\$1,600.
Manufacture Frozen Dessert....	64	@ 25.00.....	\$1,600.
Milk Licenses.....	229	@ 10.00.....	\$2,290.
Ice cream sale.....	150	@ 25.00.....	\$3,750.
Commercial Food Processing....	12	@ 100.00.....	\$1,200.
Food Warehouse/Cold Storage....	8	@ 100.00.....	\$800.
Theater.....	2	@ 100.00.....	\$200.
Tanning Parlors.....	9	@ 100.00.....	\$900.
Swimming Pools.....	3	@ 100.00.....	\$300.
Steam Baths/Whirlpools.....	3	@ 100.00.....	\$300.
Funeral Directors.....	6	@ 100.00.....	\$600.
Burial Permits.....			\$1,575.
Late Fees.....			\$1,265.
Nursing Homes.....			\$950.
New Business Application Fee..	64	@ 25.00.....	\$1,600.
Location of Tobacco.....	205	@ 10.00.....	<u>\$2,050.</u>
TOTAL CASH RECEIVED.....			\$70,030.

Food establishment inspections.....	886
Food establishment re-inspections for violations...	753
Emergency/voluntary closures food establishments...	3

COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED:

Retail food stores.....	17
Restaurants/theaters/private clubs.....	27
Rubbish/garbage.....	29
Dumpster.....	23
Odors/smoke/environment.....	27
Pests.....	27
Miscellaneous.....	24
No Smoking.....	<u>45</u>
TOTAL COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED.....	219

## HOUSING CODE ENFORCEMENT - 1992

Full housing inspections.....	474
Housing units in violation.....	307
Housing re-inspections.....	712
Court appearances.....	194
Baiting for rodent control.....	188
Animal trap loan.....	10
Lead Determinations.....	65
Full Lead Inspections.....	12

### COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED:

Rubbish/Garbage.....	543
Rodents (mice and rats).....	170
Interior and Exterior.....	123
Plumbing.....	97
Heat.....	88
Roaches.....	86
Overcrowding.....	68
Dogs/Cats/Animals/etc.....	55
Electrical.....	51
Odors/fumes/air quality.....	37
Cross metering/gas/electric/other departments	34
Oil dumping related oil problems.....	33
Grass/weeds.....	31
Snow/ice.....	28
Vacant Lots.....	27
Unsanitary conditions in House.....	25
Bushes blocking sidewalks.....	23
Air particles/flying ash.....	19
Sand blasting.....	14
Swimming pools.....	12
Refrigerator doors.....	9
Tires.....	5
Asbestos.....	4
Miscellaneous.....	<u>21</u>

TOTAL COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATED 1,603





**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**  
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July 1, 1992

To the Honorable Mayor and the Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The following is respectfully submitted as the one hundred twenty first Annual Report of the City Clerk of Somerville, and is for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992.

The receipts and payments were as follows:

For Dog Licenses issued in FY 1991-1992:

288	Male & Female at \$10.00	\$	2,880.00	
506	Neutered & Spayed at \$6.00		3,036.00	
1	Seeing Eye Dog			N/C
3	Transfers		<u>1.75</u>	\$ 5,917.75

For Hunting and Fishing Licenses issued in FY 1991-1992:

392	Fishing at \$12.50	\$	4,900.00	
15	Fishing (Age 65-69) at \$6.25		93.75	
146	Hunting at \$12.50		1,825.00	
1	Hunting (Age 65-69) at \$6.25		6.25	
105	Sporting at \$19.50		2,047.50	
8	Sporting (Age 65-69) at \$9.75		78.00	
4	Minor Fishing at \$6.50		26.00	
19	Res. Alien Fishing at \$14.50		275.50	
21	Res. Alien Hunting at \$19.50		409.50	
8	Non-Res.Cit./Alien Fishing at \$17.50		140.00	
1	Non-Res.Cit./Alien Hunt.LG Game @ \$48.50		48.50	
1	Duplicate Fishing at \$2.00		2.00	
4	Duplicate Hunting at \$2.00		8.00	
2	Duplicate Sporting at \$2.00		4.00	
43	Waterfowl Stamps at \$5.00		215.00	
38	Archery Stamps at \$5.10		193.80	
9	Wildland Conserv.Stamp Non-Res. @ \$5.00		45.00	
705	Wildland Conserv.Stamp Res. @ \$5.00		<u>3,525.00</u>	\$ 13,842.80

Recording Mortgages, Assignments, etc.	\$	10,225.00	
Certificates of Marriage Intentions		10,820.00	
Furnishing Copies of Records		<u>44,162.23</u>	\$ 65,207.23

# LICENSES

Auctioneers			
1 at \$	10.00	\$	10.00
Billiard, Pool Tables and Bowling Alleys:			
3 at \$	15.00 (Billiard Tables)		
1 at \$	30.00 (Billiard Table)		
46 at \$	15.00 (Pool Tables)		
2 at \$	30.00 (Pool Table)		825.00
Constables			850.00
Engine & Motors			20.00
Garages:			
14 at \$	25.00		350.00
Garage Renewals			2,425.00
Hackney Carriages:			
96 at \$	50.00		4,800.00
Junk Dealers:			
1 at \$	100.00		100.00
Junk Shop:			
3 at \$	50.00		150.00
Lodging House			50.00
Outdoor Parking:			
169 at \$	2.00		338.00
Projection Over Sidewalk:			
3 at \$	25.00		75.00
Raffle and Bazaar Permits:			230.00
Second Hand Auto Dealers:			
82 at \$	75.00		6,150.00
Special Police			25
Storage of Explosives:			
3 at \$	100.00		300.00
Storage of Explosives - Renewals			9,160.00
Sworn Weigher			100.00
Taxi Stands:			
20 at \$	10.00		200.00
Transient Vendors:			
37 at \$	52.00		1,924.00
Advertising			790.00
Closing Out Sale			5.00
Code of Ordinances			30.00
Conduits			270.00
Copies of Condominium Conversion Books			13.00
Copies of Zoning Ordinances			950.00
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			95,347.23

To the City Treasurer for Dog Licenses in FY 1991-1992

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1	Seeing Eye Dog		N/C	
3	Transfers		<u>1.75</u>	\$ 5,917.75

Less City Clerk's Fees:

794	at \$ 1.50	\$ 1,191.00	
3	Transfers	<u>1.75</u>	-
			\$ <u>1,192.75</u>

\$ 4,725.00

To the Commissioners on Fisheries and Game for Fishing, Hunting Licenses, etc. in FY 1991-1992:

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15	Fishing (Age 65-69) at \$6.25		93.75	
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Less City Clerk's Fees:

720	at \$ .50	\$ 360.00	
43	at \$ .25	10.75	
38	at \$ .10	<u>3.80</u>	-
			\$ <u>374.55</u>

\$ 13,468.25

To City Treasurer Monthly

All the receipts above specified except for Fishing, Hunting Licenses and Dog Licenses.	\$ 95,347.23
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Total including Fishing, Hunting and Dog Licenses.	\$ <u>113,540.48</u>
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### Licenses and Permits

Besides the Licenses mentioned in the foregoing list of Receipts, Licenses and Permits have been granted by the Board of Aldermen, without charge as follows:

- |   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 | Bake Sale              |
| 2 | Hanging Banners        |
| 7 | Block Parties          |
| 5 | Carnivals              |
| 1 | Charity Day (Homeless) |
| 1 | Clover Drive           |
| 3 | Fund Raisers (Canning) |
| 1 | Kids Day               |
| 1 | Outdoor Festivals      |
| 1 | Rally & March          |
| 8 | Road Races             |
| 4 | Parades                |
| 2 | Sacred Concert         |
| 1 | Sidwalk Festivals      |
| 1 | Walk-A-Thon            |



**COUNCIL ON AGING**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**1992**



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ELDER AFFAIRS  
38 Chauncy Street, Boston, MA 02111

FY'92 ANNUAL REPORT EOEA-SGA  
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(Please Print or Type)

Name of Council: Somerville Council on Aging Telephone: (617) 625-6600, ext. 2300

MAILING Address: 167 Holland Street, Somerville MA Zip: 02144

STREET Address: same Zip:

Current Chair: Alice Maestri

Address: 114 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143

Current Director/Coordinator: Janine W. Lotti, Acting Executive Director

Days and Hours of Operation: M-F, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

I. YEAR IN REVIEW/GENERAL INFORMATION:

A. SUMMARIZE THE COAs ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST YEAR: (Highlight major accomplishments achieved or issues faced by the Council, improvements in service delivery, new programs, collaborative relationships.)

\*Successfully collaborated with an individual donor and the Somerville Lions Club about the development and construction of a new comprehensive senior center in the City of Somerville.

\*Secured federal CARE grant for elder substance abuse prevention and education. This \$20,000 grant enabled the COA to hire a community outreach specialist to build community coalitions and promote a greater understanding of elder substance abuse, prevention, and treatment in our community.

\*Collaboration with the local OSAP grant recipient to include Geriatric Outreach Substance Abuse Program in future programming. They are currently considering GOSAP as a potential subcontractor for next year's funding cycle.

\*Secured second year of funding for federal SHARE program. During its second year, this innovative intergenerational program has expanded to include 43 senior volunteers.

\*Completed a joint proposal with the Somerville Housing Authority, which was submitted to the federal office of Housing and Urban Development. The HOPE proposal would secure monies for supportive services for frail and isolated elders.

(Use additional sheets, if necessary.)

B. ESTIMATE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS PER YEAR BY PAID AND VOLUNTEER STAFF:

(See the Volunteer Resource Sheet for total #.)

# 11,052

C. STAFFING/SUPPORT

	# PAID	# VOLUNTEERS
10 hours/week or more	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>
5 hours/week up to 10 hours/week	<u></u>	<u>27</u>
1 hour/week up to 5 hours/week	<u>1</u>	<u>119</u>
Less than 1 hour week	<u></u>	<u>174</u>

Elder Service Corps are volunteers;  
Senior Aides are paid.

D. ESTIMATE THE VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR YEAR: \$ 78,286

NAME OF COUNCIL: Somerville

C o n d u c t e d		A d m i n i s t r a t i o n		UNITs OF SERVICE		ELDERS		NOTES	
A*		B*		1 July 91-	30 June 92	1 July 91-	30 June 92		
Rest estimate		Rest estimate							
II. PROGRAMS, SERVICES & ACTIVITIES									
a. General Information Services	x			1708		1037			
b. Referral to Other Agencies (Check which agencies)	x			3141		2146			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home Care Corp</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home Maker/Home Health Agencies</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VNA</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal Services</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Senior Companion</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R.S.V.P.</li> </ul>									
c. Referral From Other Agencies	x								
d. Case Management	x								
e. Family Assistance/New Clients	x								
f. Caregiver Support	x								
g. Food Shopping Assistance	x								
h. Housing Assistance	x								
i. Social Day Care	x								
j. Respite Care	x								
k. Companionship Services	x								
l. Client Finding/"New" Client Outreach	x								
m. Health Benefits Counseling	x								
n. Health Screening	x								
o. Other Health Services	x								
p. Fitness/Exercise	x								
q. Employment Services	x								
r. Intergenerational Programs	x								
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult Day Health</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respite</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alzheimer Program</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local hospitals &amp; clinics</li> </ul>									
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing Program</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Health</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OMBUDSMAN</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Administration</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Security Admin.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department of Public Welfare</li> </ul>									
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NAME OF COUNCIL: Somerville

## II. PROGRAMS, SERVICES &amp; ACTIVITIES

(Continued)

s. Weatherization/Fuel Assistance  
 t. Home Repair/Maintenance  
 u. Transportation (Total)  
     Disabled  
     Under 60

v. Congregate Meals  
 w. Home Delivered Meals  
 x. Community Education  
 y. Legal Assistance  
 z. Newsletter

aa. Recreation  
 bb. Social Events  
 cc. Property Tax Assistance  
 dd. Income Tax Assistance  
 ee. Surplus Food Distribution

C O N D U C T E D      A \*      A d m i n i s t r a t i o n      B \*

UNITS  
OF SERVICE  
1 July 91 -  
30 June 92

ELDERS  
1 July 91 -  
30 June 92

NOTES

-0-	-0-	Available
-0-	-0-	Available
208	208	Actual
208	208	Actual
4	4	Actual
1,988	1,988	Actual
-0-	-0-	Available
296	296	Best estimate
156	156	Best estimate
		6 issues/yr
522	522	Best estimate
1,571	1,571	Best estimate
387	387	Best estimate
320	320	Actual
1,341	1,341	Actual

(DO NOT sum column -  
see instructions)

# 9,800

## A. DETERMINE UNDUPLICATED PERSONS SERVED:

B. Of the UNDUPLICATED PERSONS, INDICATE PERCENTAGE OF:

$\frac{7}{4}$  % Women      2 % Nursing Home  
 $\frac{26}{76}$  % Men       $\frac{10}{10}$  % Disabled  
 $\frac{10}{10}$  % Minority      less than  $\frac{1}{1}$  % Non Elders  
 $\frac{75}{75}$  % 75 or Over

C. Latest ESTIMATE of 60(+) Population: 14,052Please note SOURCE of this count: 1991 City Census

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FY 1993 Municipal Appropriation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please copy from the top of pg. 2 of Attachment A)

NAME OF COUNCIL: Somerville

For the Period: July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992

	COA REVENUES FY 1992	NOTES
Municipality	\$ 188,071	
C.D.B.G.	\$ 5,304	(Comm. Dev't Block Grant)
Other Municipal Funds (AoA Grant)	\$ 20,000	(10/1/91-9/30/92)
Area Agency on Aging/Home Care Corp. (Gross receipts less income returned to Home Care Corporation)	\$ 5,000 (Title 111B)	\$ ( ) (Source)
Executive Office of Elder Affairs Formula (FY'92)	\$ 25,132	Grant Balance as of 7/1/91
Senior Aides	\$ 8,320	\$ 11,514
Elder Service Corps (FY'92)	\$ _____	
Other State: _____	\$ _____	
NET Program Income	\$ 171.77	
Donations/Contributions	\$ 5,237	
"Friends of COA" Group	\$ _____	
Fund Raising	\$ 15,417	
<b>REVENUES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 272,652.77</b>	

Of the above, if applicable, note: **CAPITAL OUTLAY (FY'92)**

Source(s):

Municipal budget	\$ 50.00
	\$ _____

**CAPITAL TOTAL** \$ 50.00

OTHER IN-KIND:

The fair market value of any other goods or services donated/provided to the COA (FY'92): \$ 102,662.35\*.  
Please check types of IN-KIND: \*includes \$78,286 in volunteer support

<input type="checkbox"/> Rent	<input type="checkbox"/> Renovation Services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Space	<input type="checkbox"/> Plowing
<input type="checkbox"/> Garaging	<input type="checkbox"/> Furniture/Equipment
<input type="checkbox"/> Custodial Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supplies
<input type="checkbox"/> Gas/Telephone	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/> Office Equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please list): dinner raffles; cards; coffee;
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Equipment/Wheelchairs	gift certificates; soda; meals; crafts;
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grounds Maintenance/flower bulbs	



# **VOLUNTEER RESOURCE SHEET**

July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992

NAME OF COUNCIL: Somerville

# OF POSITIONS	TITLE(S) <i>(List all volunteer positions, include board members, students, etc.)</i>	TOTAL HOURS PER YEAR	TOTAL VALUE FOR FY'92
11	Board members	264	\$ 1,320.00
12	Board representatives	480	\$ 2,400.00
11	Site Council members/Cross St.	264	\$ 1,320.00
5	Income Tax Counselors	240	\$ 6,000.00
8	Property Tax Counselors	336	\$ 8,400.00
58	Surplus Food Volunteers	600	\$ 2,550.00
69	Annual Picnic	552	\$ 2,346.00
2	Shopping Assistance	520	\$ 2,600.00
6	Newsletter Assistance	108	\$ 540.00
4	Friendly Visitors	416	\$ 3,328.00
4	Telephone Reassurance	208	\$ 1,040.00
33	Food Service	2,204	\$ 9,367.00
4	Bowling League	208	\$ 1,040.00
15	Weekly Social	1,560	\$ 7,800.00
1	Piano Player	17	\$ 340.00
3	Walking Club	188	\$ 940.00
2	Arts volunteers	36	\$ 900.00
15	Speakers/Education	611	\$ 1,225.00
5	Clerical	67	\$ 536.00
1	Social Worker	104	\$ 2,080.00
#	(TOTALS)	#	\$

*Include all volunteers from sources such as: Elder Service Corps, Foster Grandparents, County Extension Service, R.S.V.P., Job Corps, VISTA, (vocational) schools, prisons, and other personnel, including paid staff who volunteer their time as well. Include "Friends of ..." only if the COA is supervising their activity. DO NOT include any Senior Aide programs. Use additional sheets, if necessary. Thank you.*

NOTE: Minimum wage is \$4.25/hour.

## VOLUNTEER RESOURCE SHEET 1

July 1, 1991 - June 30, 1992

NAME OF COUNCIL: Somerville, cont'd

# OF POSITIONS	TITLE(S) <i>(List all volunteer positions, include board members, students, etc.)</i>	TOTAL HOURS PER YEAR	TOTAL VALUE FOR FY'97
2	Attorneys	38	\$ 2,850.00
1	Nurse	36	\$ 720.00
10	Fundraising	520	\$ 2,600.00
43	Intergenerational	2,025	\$ 16,200.00
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333	(TOTALS)	11,052½	\$ 78,286.00

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**EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**1992**

## **Executive Office of Communications**

**Director:** Paul C. Trane

**Extension:** 2600

### **The responsibilities of the Executive Office of Communications include:**

- 1) Oversight of the city's fiber optic based telephone system** - Over the past three years the cost of city telephone services has been reduced through effective management. Cost accounting has become an integral part of city business. An expansion of this system included a revamped telephone configuration for the Fire Alarm Division to enhance public safety response time. In 1993, the Executive Office of Communications will concentrate on the development and implementation of the Enhanced 911 emergency telephone service. The state of Massachusetts is calling for implementation of Enhanced 911 for 1994.
- 2) Oversight of the Cable Television Contract** - The Director of the Executive Office of Communications acted as the Mayor's principal negotiator for a new cable television contract. A new contract was signed with Warner Cable Communications, Inc. in September of 1992. This renewal license included funding for the formation of an educational access channel, a senior discount to eligible subscribers, increased funding for local and governmental access and a variety of additional cable channels over the life of the license. The City and the Cable Television Advisory Board periodically hold public meetings to investigate the past practices of the cable television provider to the citizens of Somerville.
- 3) Administer the city's radio communications network** - Cost savings of close to 100% were realized in the maintenance and repair of the city's radio infrastructure. Furthermore, the Office of Communications designed and implemented a new radio system for the Department of Public Works, Traffic and Parking Department, School Department, Administration and Election Department.
- 4) Manage and produce programming for City Cable Channel 16** - The Executive Office of Communications produces programming for broadcast on Somerville's municipal access channel, City Cable 16. Some productions included The Mayor's Report, The Alderman's Hour, The School Committee Forum, Youth Outlook and Election Watch 1992. Additional programming has been added and will debut in 1993. Some new programming includes a Somerville Speaker Series.
- 5) Perform all public relations duties for Mayor Capuano and the City** - The consistent dissemination of public information is a critical function of the Executive Office of Communications. Through the city's news publications, television productions and electronic bulletin board, citizens were kept up to date on the happenings in their city.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**1992**

Mayor Michael Capuano  
Executive Office  
City Hall  
Somerville, MA 02143

Dear Mayor Capuano:

Report of the Somerville Fire Department for CY 1992.

Staffing:

1	Chief Engineer
7	Deputy Chiefs
2	District Chiefs
10	Captains
1	Apparatus Superintendent
31	Lieutenants (includes one (1) on leave)
100	Firefighters
<u>2</u>	Civilian Employees
154	Total

Incidents:

Responded to a total of 7829 incidents.

137	Residential Structural Fires	\$2,805,325
25	Mercantile Structure Fires	947,300
<u>932</u>	Vehicle and Other Fires	<u>106,100</u>
1,094	Total Fires & Estimated Loss	\$3,858,725
2,423	Emergency Medical Responses	
318	Mutual Aid Responses	
1,248	Building Fire Alarm System Responses	

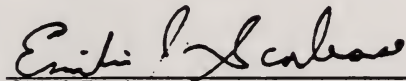
391 Other Haz-Mat Response  
976 Other Responses - Water Problems, Lock Outs, Animal Rescues,  
Water Rescues, etc.  
969 Malicious False Alarms  
410 Other False calls, eg: Bomb Scares, etc.

There was one (1) civilian death due to fire. (Residential structure)

There were:

148 Firefighter injuries for the year.

Respectfully,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Engineer

cc: Board of Aldermen  
City Clerk  
Kate Auspitz, Director of Personnel  
Stephen Finn, President Local 1240



**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**1992**

REGULAR MEMBERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
Daniel Costa 93 Kidder Ave. 02144 451-5898 (w) 623-2675 (h)	Architect	May 1994
Mary Cremin 58 Columbus Ave. 02145 623-7873 (h)	Lawyer / Historic district resident	May 1993
Elizabeth DeMille-Barnett 44 Irving St. 02144 666-0578 (h)	City planner	May 1994
Barbara Kingsbury 35 Josephine Ave. 02144 625-3450 (h)	Architect / Historic district resident	May 1994
Sara Rosenfeld 53 Francesca Ave. 02144 731-2447 (w) 666-2316 (h)	Real estate broker	May 1993
Sally Zimmerman 22 Forster St. 02145 349-4683 (w) 625-6612 (h)	Architectural historian/ Preservation planner	May 1995
Vacant		May 1993

ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Allan Baer HKT Architects 35 Medford St. 02143 776-6545 (w) 864-6145 (h)	Architect	May 1995
Brian Connolly 13 College Ave. Medford 02155 625-6600 x2538 (w) 395-8680	Citizen member	May 1995



# **Historic Preservation Commission Members (con't.)**

<b>Marianne Galvin</b> 62 Curtis St. 02144 426-8855 x283 (w) 625-2723 (h)	Citizen member	May 1994
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<b>Royal Hale</b> 14 Westwood Rd. 02143 666-8993 (h)	Historic district resident	May 1994
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<b>Kevin Jackson</b> 215 Washington St. 02143 868-9475 (h) 508-927-4151 (w) 456-3647 beeper	Contractor/ Historic district resident	May 1995
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<b>Rosemary Mahoney</b> 9 Willoughby St. 02143 628-2601 (w) 623-5233 (h)	Citizen member	May 1993
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<b>William Taylor</b> 29 Powderhouse Terr. 02144 868-6115 (w) 623-2631 (h)	Landscape architect / Historic district resident	May 1995
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## **STAFF**

**Margen Kelsey**  
6 Henry Ave. 02144  
625-6600 x2500 (w) - M,W,Th  
666-5726 - OHCD night line  
623-2360 (h)

**Patti Conley**  
625-6600 x2500 (w) - Tues,Th

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Revised: October 1992



**DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
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# DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

	TOTAL REVENUE 1989	#OF PERMITS 1989	TOTAL REVENUE 1990	# OF PERMITS 1990	TOTAL REVENUE 1991	# OF PERMITS 1991	TOTAL REVENUE 1992	# OF PERMITS 1992
BUILDING PERMITS	\$268,960	1432	\$157,802	1455	\$181,937	1258	\$146,840	1142
BUILDER LICENSE	\$2,550	136	\$1,785	94	\$2,220	112	\$2,670	100
CERT OF INSPECTION	\$8,148	160	\$8,193	166	\$10,175	195	\$11,731	194
CERT OF OCCUPANCY	\$12,496	243	\$9,013	148	\$8,365	164	\$11,193	154
GAS PERMITS	\$8,322	567	\$9,010	657	\$9,765	651	\$17,564	692
PLUMBING PERMITS	\$16,877	522	\$12,275	452	\$11,863	470	\$15,625	411
PLAN REVIEW							\$1,425	57
TOTALS	\$317,353	3060	\$198,078	2972	\$224,325	2850	\$207,048	2693

SUPERINTENDENT	MICHAEL FOLEY
SENIOR INSPECTOR	PAUL NONNI
INSPECTOR	ANTHONY AMMENDOLIA
INSPECTOR	JEFF ST GERMAIN
LICENSE & PERMITS INSPECTOR	GEORGE DERVISHIAN
PLUMBING & GAS INSPECTOR	ANTHONY SILLARI

**LICENSING COMMISSION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**1992**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMISSION

The Honorable  
Michael E. Capuano, Mayor  
Board of Aldermen  
City of Somerville

Gentlemen:

The following factual information is respectfully submitted as the Annual Report of the Licensing Commission of the city of Somerville for the year ending December 31, 1992.

Mr. William N. Souris was chairman of the commission from January 1, 1992 thru December 31, 1992 and the commissioners were Anthony S. Vetrano and Leonard A. Scott.

Officer Joseph Vivolo of the Somerville Police Department was assigned to the Licensing Commission as their inspector/investigator for 1992.

Board of Health inspector Harry Vaughan was assigned to the Licensing Commission during the year for restaurant inspections.

The Licensing Commission received the following applications:

- 4 All Forms Liquor Licenses
- 4 All Forms license transfers
- 2 All Forms Package Goods Store license transfers
- 1 B & W Package Goods Store license transfer
- 1 Club license transfer
- 20 Special Alcohol Licenses
- 8 Common Victualler's Licenses
- 20 Common Victualler's license transfers
- 5 Change of Managers
- 2 Corporate Stock Transfers
- 2 Changes of Officers/Directors
- 2 Change in Operating Hours
- 3 Change of D/B/A Name
- 3 Pledge of License and/or Stock
- 4 Entertainment licenses

# Annual Report (Cont'd.)

## Renewal Applications

54	All Forms Restaurant licenses
1	All Forms Innholder's license
17	All Forms Club licenses
1	Wine & Malt Restaurant license
1	Educational Institution license
20	All Forms Package Goods store licenses
7	Wine & Malt Package Goods Store licenses
41	Sunday Openings for Package Goods Stores
60	Entertainment licenses
10	Dance licenses
183	Common Victualler's licenses

## Income Received

A.F. Restaurants	54	@	\$2,000.00	\$108,000.00
A.F. Innholder	1	@	3,500.00	3,500.00
A.F. Clubs	17	@	750.00	12,750.00
W & M Restaurant	1	@	1,300.00	1,300.00
Educational Instit.	1	@	2,000.00	2,000.00
A.F. Package Goods	20	@	2,000.00	40,000.00
W & M Package Goods	7	@	1,300.00	9,100.00
Special Alcohol	13	@	50.00	650.00
TOTAL				<u>177,300.00</u>

Common Victualler's	183	@	50.00	9,150.00
Entertainment Licenses	6	@	25.00	150.00
	11	@	50.00	550.00
	2	@	100.00	200.00
	1	@	125.00	125.00
	39	@	150.00	5,850.00
	1	@	1,200.00	<u>1,200.00</u>
TOTAL				8,075.00

Dance Licenses	11	@	50.00	550.00
Retail Sale Non-Intox. Beverages	2	@	1.00	2.00
Sunday Package Store	41	@	10.00	410.00
Hearing Fees	9	@	50.00	450.00

The Licensing Commission also held hearings during the course of the year and took action against liquor establishments for violations of liquor licensing regulations or laws which resulted in three licenses being revoked, one three day license suspension and one thirty day license suspension.

Annual Report (Cont'd.)

Additionally, on May 12 and May 26, the Licensing Commission conducted seminars concerning liquor licensing and entertainment regulations which was attended by many license holders in the city.

Respectfully submitted,

William N. Souris, Chairman  
Anthony S. Vetrano, Commissioner  
Leonard A. Scott, Commissioner



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
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Annual Report

Staff:

Chief	1
Captains	7
Lieutenants	7
Sergeants	18
Patrol Officers	93
Patrol Officers, on Leave Of Absence	2
Mechanic	1
Senior Clerks	3
Telephone Operators	2

Equipment

Patrol Vehicles	33
Prisoner Transport Wagon	1
Tactical Support Van	1
Radio System- kvp 492- 570.5375 mhz.	1

Physical plant located at 220 Washington St houses 14 male prisoners, 3 female prisoners and 2 juvenile prisoners.

Telephone Numbers:

Emergency	625-1212
Business	625-1600 (all bureaus)
TTY (for deaf)	625-5014
Domestic	
Violence	625-7273
Narcotics	
hot-line	625-7210

Respectfully Submitted

*Mark E. Randall*

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
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T H E   R E C R E A T I O N   C O M M I S S I O N

HAROLD C. MICHITSON, CHAIRMAN

MARIE C. SANTAMARIA, VICE-CHAIRMAN

ANTHONY J. ALIBRANDI

PAUL A. DE STEFANO

THOMAS W. FOTHERGILL

BRIAN LANGTON

SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION: JAMES B. CALLAHAN, SUPERINTENDENT

JOHN M. PIERONI, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

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January 1, 1993

To The Honorable, The Mayor & The Board of Aldermen:

The Municipal Recreation service has been, is currently, and will always be deserving of public funding. Traditionally, the Recreation Commission's Annual Report could dispense with such an obvious statement of fact, as is contained in the above sentence. However, let the record show that in Fiscal '92 and '93, when the nation's recession reduced State revenue, the Commonwealth's books were largely balanced by disproportionately reducing local aid to big cities. Yet the Governor's proposed Fiscal Year 1994 budget, again, has local aid's share at an historic low. Local property taxes, motor vehicle excise, water charges and all other fees and charges combined cannot make up the anticipated revenue shortfall to cities and towns.

Indeed the State took a page from the Federal Government's policy of the 80's and transferred the greatest part of the Commonwealth's pain to its 351 local communities. The tragic irony of the aforementioned situation is that the State is actually experiencing a modest growth in its spending levels, while service delivery in most all of the forty cities of the Commonwealth has been grinding to a slow, camouflaged, fatal halt! It seems the only thing that truly trickles down to the cities and towns is mandated spending from federal and state governments.

The Recreation Commission has few detours remaining to avoid extinction. Our Ordinary Maintenance budget is virtually non-existent. We have reduced, via attrition, our part-time leadership corps to the lowest point in memory. Less funding for playground and seasonal personnel has translated into fewer Summer Units open for an entire day of supervision and similar reductions in individual hours of operation for schoolyear programming. Every area of the Rec. Department's operation has been squeezed to meet each year's new lower net bottom line.

Despite the discouraging statewide situation we have thus far outlined above, the Commission remains hopeful. We continue to be impressed by Mayor Capuano and the B.O.A.'s continued support for Municipal Recreational services for all. We have received tremendous assistance from all levels of City Government, particularly the D.P.W.'s Division of Buildings & Grounds.

Lastly, our career full-time and seasonal part-time staff of professionals continue to provide the residents of Somerville with one of the most varied and diverse programs of activities and events in all of Eastern Massachusetts.

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, RECREATION COMMISSION

FISCAL YEAR 1993

ANNUAL APPROPRIATION (JULY 1, 1992 - JUNE 30, 1993) --- \$365,801.00

EXPENDITURES (Fiscal Year 1993): --

Salaries and Wages .....	\$358,601.00
Repairs - Vehicles .....	200.00
Repairs - Office Equipment .....	200.00
Rentals - Vehicles .....	300.00
Professional & Technical Services .	3,600.00
Postage .....	200.00
Photography .....	100.00
Office Supplies .....	200.00
Printing & Stationery .....	100.00
Hardware & Small Tools .....	100.00
Paint .....	100.00
Tools .....	100.00
Tires & Tubes .....	150.00
Medical / Dental Supplies .....	350.00
Athletic Supplies .....	200.00
Recreation Supplies .....	200.00
Lumber & Wood Products .....	100.00
Uniforms .....	<u>1,000.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES ----- \$365,801.00 -- \$365,801.00



## ACTIVITIES UNDER THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE

### RECREATION COMMISSION

1992 - 1993

#### PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

- \*MR. PEE WEE TENNIS
- \*AFTER SCHOOL ARTS N' CRAFTS
- \*SPECIAL NEEDS TRIPS & FUNCTIONS
- \*ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS
- \*SOMERVILLE YOUTH BASKETBALL
- \*YOUTH BASEBALL CLINIC
- \*GROUP PIANO LESSONS
- \*YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS
- \*CO-ED TEEN VOLLEYBALL
- \*BOYS' JUNIOR INDOOR BASKETBALL LEAGUE
- \*GIRLS JUNIOR TWILIGHT BASKETBALL LEAGUE
- \*BOYS' JUNIOR TWILIGHT BASKETBALL LEAGUE
- \*BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL TWILIGHT BASKETBALL LEAGUE
- \*GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL LEAGUE
- \*EVENING OPEN GYM CENTERS

#### PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS

- \*CREATIVE CRAFTS CLASSES
- \*CERAMICS CLASSES
- \*CRIBBAGE LEAGUE
- \*RECEXERCISE/WALKING PROGRAM
- \*SEWING CLASSES
- \*WOMEN'S INDOOR BASKETBALL
- \*WOMEN'S DAYTIME BOWLING LEAGUE
- \*WOMEN'S INDOOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
- \*CO-ED INDOOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
- \*CO-ED TWILIGHT VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
- \*MEN'S TWILIGHT BASKETBALL LEAGUE
- \*MEN'S INDOOR BASKETBALL LEAGUE
- \*MEN'S SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE
- \*MEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE
- \*MEN'S INDOOR VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

#### SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

(BEGINS IN LATE JUNE AT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CITY)

- \*SATELLITE UNITS (A.M. OR P.M. SESSIONS)
- \*MAGNET UNITS (A.M. & P.M. SESSIONS)

#### PROGRAMMING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

- \*SENIOR CITIZENS BOWLING LEAGUE
- \*SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUB
- \*SENIOR CITIZENS' CERAMICS CLASS

### SPECIAL EVENTS

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THE RECREATION COMMISSION ALSO CONDUCTS SINGULAR EVENTS, SUCH AS OUR FEBRUARY SCHOOL VACATION GYM HOCKEY TOURNAMENT, ADULTS & YOUTH LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAMES, SUMMER SPORTS CLINICS, CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENTS, SOMERVILLE SPRING ROAD RACE, HERSHEY TRACK & FIELD COMPETITION, FAMILY FISHING DERBY, FALL & SPRING FLING FAMILY FUN WALKS, AND VARIOUS GROUP PARTIES, TRIPS AND OUTINGS. PLEASE DROP BY OR CALL THE RECREATION COMMISSION OFFICE AT 19 WALNUT STREET AND ASK FOR SPECIFICS ON LOCATIONS, TIMES OF OPERATIONS, AND PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ABOVE PROGRAMS.

# CITY OF SOMERVILLE, RECREATION COMMISSION

## 1992 SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS -- TOTAL ATTENDANCE

	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>CLUSTER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GLEN (ALL DAY)	899	593	1,492		
(A.M.) PERKINS	350	227	577		
(P.M.) HARRIS	303	155	458		<u>2,527</u>
PERRY (ALL DAY)	1,493	1,113	2,606		
(A.M.) LINCOLN	415	229	644		
(P.M.) SEN. CORBETT	442	429	871		<u>4,121</u>
KELLEY (ALL DAY)	840	177	1,017		
(A.M.) KENNEDY	452	18	470		
(P.M.) CUMMINGS	524	288	812		<u>2,299</u>
GRIMMONS (ALL DAY)	955	431	1,386		
(A.M.) FOSS	461	166	627		<u>2,013</u>
TRUM (ALL DAY)	1,282	649	1,931		
(A.M.) ALBION	584	145	729		
(P.M.) LEXINGTON	461	314	775		<u>3,435</u>
HODGKINS (ALL DAY)	1,452	594	2,046		
(P.M.) BROWN	534	288	822		<u>2,868</u>
(A.M.) DILBOY	469	116	585		
(A.M.) WOODSTOCK	324	130	454		
(P.M.) VIETNAM VETS	328	108	436		<u>1,475</u>
	<u>12,568</u>	<u>6,170</u>	<u>18,738</u>		<u>18,738</u>

## 1992 WEEKLY TOTALS

	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>A.M.</u>	<u>P.M.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
WEEK #1 - JUNE 22-26	1,812	909	2,721	1,362	1,359	2,721
WEEK #2 - JUNE 29-JULY 3	1,642	809	2,451	1,248	1,203	2,451
WEEK #3 - JULY 6-10	1,778	861	2,639	1,307	1,332	2,639
WEEK #4 - JULY 13-17	1,528	756	2,284	1,191	1,093	2,284
WEEK #5 - JULY 20-24	1,644	808	2,452	1,270	1,182	2,452
WEEK #6 - JULY 27-31	1,495	712	2,207	1,092	1,115	2,207
WEEK #7 - AUG. 3-7	1,387	706	2,093	1,101	992	2,093
WEEK #8 - AUG. 10-14	<u>1,282</u>	<u>609</u>	<u>1,891</u>	<u>888</u>	<u>1,003</u>	<u>1,891</u>
	<u>12,568</u>	<u>6,170</u>	<u>18,738</u>	<u>9,459</u>	<u>9,279</u>	<u>18,738</u>

## UNIT PERSONNEL & RECENT SEASONAL TOTALS

<u>CHILD/LEADER</u>	<u>SEASONAL RATIO</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLAYGROUND ATTENDANCE</u>	<u># S.R.C. LEADERS</u>
1,249		'92	18,738	15
805		'91	16,902	21
660		'90	23,086	35
585		'89	30,414	52
465		'88	24,186	52
599		'87	29,971	50
717		'86	32,287	45
753		'85	28,631	38
740		'84	28,103	38
757		'83	22,699	30
712		'82	<u>24,937</u>	35
			<u>279,954</u>	

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Commission has been extremely fortunate in obtaining cooperation and assistance from a great many sources. Our appreciation for their concern and aid is sincerely expressed to: --

HONORABLE MICHAEL E. CAPUANO  
MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT & VARIOUS OTHER MUNICIPAL DEPTS., PARTICULARLY BUILDINGS & GROUNDS OF D.P.S. & O.P.C.D.'S PARKS PROGRAM - For working together with the Commission to insure the best possible delivery system for Parks & Recreation facilities and programs.

POLICE DEPT. AND ITS AUXILIARY  
SOMERVILLE KIWANIS CLUB  
For the donations of Sportsman-ship Sweatshirt Awards for Summer Playground participants, printing of programs and the M.V.P. trophies for the Inter-Playground Track Meet, and assistance to our Special Needs Program.

CATALDO AMBULANCE SERVICE  
For First Aid services to our Athletic programs.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION PARKS & RECREATION DIV.  
For permit use of Foss and Dil-boy Fields throughout the year.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #19  
For the use of its Hall for our Wednesday Senior Citizens' Club.

DECO'S OF BALL SQ.  
For hosting our Special Needs' End of Summer party.

JAMES A. LOGAN POST, V.F.W.  
For the use of its Hall for our Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday Senior Citizens' Club.

ALIBRANDIS BARBER SHOP  
For sponsorship of Boys' Junior Basketball programming.

THE AMES SAFETY ENVELOPE CO.  
For product donations used in our public relations materials.

TUFTS UNIVERSITY  
For the use each Fall Sunday A.M. of its College Avenue Field for our Men's Flag Football League, the use of its Cousens' Gym and Indoor Cage for our Men's Basketball League and Youth Baseball Clinic and the Powderhouse Circle Field for Co-Ed Twilight Volleyball.

"SOMERVILLE JOURNAL"  
"SOMERVILLE NEWS"  
For outstanding coverage of weekly activities & special events sponsored by the Recreation Commission.

SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA ORDER OF MEDFORD, #1359 MASS.  
For contributions to our Special Needs Summer Program and support of Special Needs projects in both Somerville and Medford.

A note of thanks is expressed, as always, to the many local businessmen, Senior Citizen Club members, their families and friends who contributed generously to our Annual Penny Sale. Also, a special thanks to the Somerville Chamber of Commerce who endorsed this fund-raising project which helps to defray the ever-increasing costs of year-round programming for more than 600 senior citizens.



**RETIREMENT SYSTEM**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**1992**

**SOMERVILLE RETIREMENT BOARD  
CITY HALL ANNEX, 50 EVERGREEN AVENUE  
SOMERVILLE, MA 02145**

**ANNUAL REPORT, SOMERVILLE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**DECEMBER 31, 1992**

**ASSETS**

INVESTMENTS/CASH/CD'S/SAVINGS/CHECKING	\$56,310,776.82
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	
APPROPRIATION DUE FY 93	6,363,336.79
INVESTMENTS SOLD	6,324.64
CO. OF MASS. COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT	595,186.68
ACCRUED INTEREST	237,298.57
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE - INVESTMENTS PURCHASED	715,483.82
TOTAL ASSETS	\$62,797,806.60

**LIABILITIES**

ANNUITY SAVINGS FUND	\$20,994,891.39
ANNUITY RESERVE FUND	10,610,951.91
MILITARY SERVICE FUND	10,924.12
PENSION RESERVE FUND	24,002,621.26
EXPENSE FUND	410,207.53
PENSION FUND (INCLUDES APPROPRIATION DUE)	6,768,210.39
TOTAL	\$62,797,806.60



**SOMERVILLE RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**JOHN E. ROURKE, CHAIRMAN**  
**MICHELE GIGLI, VICE CHAIRPERSON**  
**JOHN MEMORY, ELECTED MEMBER**

**STAFF**

**MARY A. PHINNEY, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**  
**ANN T. MAHER, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
**THERESA RICHARDS, SENIOR CLERK**  
**MARIE VETRANO, SENIOR CLERK**



**WEIGHTS & MEASURES DEPARTMENT**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**1992**

From the Office of the Sealer of Weights and Measures

The Honorable Mayor Capuano and  
The Honorable Board of Aldermen  
Somerville, Massachusetts

I herewith submit the Annual Report of the Department  
of Weights and Measures - 1992.

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed	Condemned	
Over 10,000 lbs.		4		
100 lbs. to 5,000 lbs.	5	26		
Under 100 lbs.	21	206	5	
Weights				
Troy		8		
Apothecary		40		
Gasoline Pumps	32	245	4	
Fuel Trucks (Oil & Diesel)	14	21	12	
Taxi Meters	5	96	7	
Commodity	Total Tested	# Correct	Under	Over
Bread & Rolls Etc.	260	238	10	12

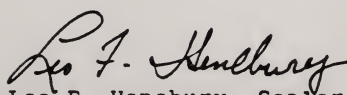
Confection	100	98	2	
Fruit & Vegetables	420	392	8	20
Meats	650	601	12	37
Misc. Fish etc.	210	205	5	

#### Inspections and Tests on the Road

	Inspect.	Passed	Condemned
Fuel Oil Trucks	34	28	6
Marking of Food Packages	460	448	12
Retests of Gasoline Devices	70	70(new installations)	
Unit Pricing Inspections	345	310	35
Misc. Inspections	55		

Weighings for the City on City Scales...Approx. 100,000 tons.

Respectfully,

  
 Leo F. Henebury, Sealer of  
 Weights and Measures





**VETERANS SERVICES**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**1992**

JULY 1, 1993

TO THE HONORABLE, MAYOR  
AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE

GENTLEMEN:

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1992 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1993 IS HEREWITH RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. APPENDED THERETO IS A FINANCIAL RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES PROMULGATED BY STATE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISBURSEMENT OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AS MANDATED BY CHAPTER 115, MASS. GENERAL LAWS.

THE MAJOR PORTION OF VETERANS' BENEFIT PAYMENTS WERE DIRECTED TOWARD PROVIDING FINANCIAL AND/OR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE VETERANS OF WARTIME SERVICE AND THEIR DEPENDENTS OR SURVIVORS.

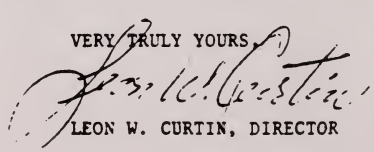
AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VETERANS' SERVICES COUNSELLING CASES RELATIVE TO INITIATING AND PREPARING APPLICATIONS FOR BOTH VA SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND NON SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY CLAIMS WERE NOTED. A NEW FORMAT FOR VA ANNUAL INCOME REPORTING REQUIREMENTS PRESENTED SOME PROBLEMS TO ELDERLY OR WIDOWED RECIPIENTS OF VA PENSION PAYMENTS. ANY PROBLEMS ADDRESSED TO THIS DEPARTMENT WERE ELEVIATED BY COMPETENT STAFF MEMBERS WHO WERE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EXPERIENCED IN ASSISTING OUR CITIZENS IN THE PROPER COMPLETION AND FILING OF VA FORMS.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF VA RELATED BENEFITS PAID BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SOMERVILLE VETERANS OR THEIR SURVIVORS FOR THE PAST FISCAL YEAR WAS \$5,920,234.00 OF WHICH \$241,559.00 WAS CREDITED TO THIS DEPARTMENT THROUGH VA CLAIMS AND COUNSELLING ASSISTANCE.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE/CITY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS MADE THROUGH THIS DEPARTMENT WAS \$91,797.83 OF WHICH \$68,848.38 WILL BE REIMBURSED THE CITY BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. THE NET COST FOR VETERANS' BENEFITS TO THE CITY WOULD THUS BE SLIGHTLY LESS THAN \$23,000.00

ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS DEPARTMENT, I EXTEND MY APPRECIATION TO YOU, MR. MAYOR AND THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR YOUR PERSONAL INTEREST AND CONCERN IN CONTINUING SOMERVILLE'S RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.

VERY TRULY YOURS



LEON W. CURTIN, DIRECTOR

## RECAPITULATION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS PAID 92-93

	TOTAL AMT. CASH ASSISTANCE PAID TO RECIPIENTS	TOTAL AMT. MEDICAL ASSIST. PAID TO VENDORS	TOTAL AMT. MISCELLANEOUS BENEFIT ASSIST. PAID TO VENDORS	BALANCE PAID ON INDIGENT BURIAL CHARGES	TOTAL AMT. VETERANS' BENEFITS GRANTED	TOTAL AMT. VETERANS' BENEFITS TO BE REIMBURSED BY STATE	TOTAL COST VETERANS' BENEFITS BC BY SOMERVIL
JULY	\$4775.29	\$ 449.09	NONE	NONE	\$5224.38	\$3918.29	\$1306.09
AUGUST	5999.81	3521.69	NONE	NONE	9521.50	7141.13	2380.37
SEPTEMBER	7903.91	1075.09	NONE	NONE	8979.00	6734.25	2244.75
OCTOBER	6671.13	1006.81	\$25.00	NONE	7702.94	5777.21	1925.73
NOVEMBER	5942.66	150.00	NONE	\$1050.00	7142.66	5357.00	1785.66
DECEMBER	7131.75	1088.11	74.09	NONE	8293.95	6220.46	2073.49
JANUARY	8129.91	1145.22	109.67	NONE	9384.80	7038.60	2346.20
FEBRUARY	7968.16	84.77	NONE	NONE	8052.93	6039.70	2013.23
MARCH	5288.25	666.75	NONE	NONE	5955.00	4466.24	1488.76
APRIL	7848.36	372.11	50.00	NONE	8270.47	6202.85	2067.62
MAY	5838.50	24.91	1450.11	NONE	7313.52	5485.14	1828.38
JUNE	5649.75	306.93	NONE	NONE	5956.68	4467.51	1489.17
TOTAL	\$79,147.48	\$9891.48	\$1708.87	\$1050.00	\$91,797.83	\$68,848.38	\$22,949.45





